



### Pep Rally

Holler! We're having a Pep Rally on Friday, February 3, to conclude Catholic Schools Week and celebrate our accomplishments thus far with Steps for Students!! This is one Pep Rally you won't want to miss. The staff has prepared a special treat for the students!! Don't miss out!!! Pep Rally starts at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.



### Dates to Remember

Jan 29-Feb3	Catholic Schools Week
Feb 2	International Evening-7:00 pm
Feb 3	Beta Bake Sale at Lunch Pep Rally 1:00 pm
Feb 4	Consumer Expo-CHS 10am
Feb 6	Chess Club 3:30pm
Feb 8	Mass 8:30am Jr. High Field Trip to St. Catherine's Convent
Feb 9	Student Council 7:15am
Feb 11	Valentine's Day Dance PTG Parent's Night Out
Feb 15	School Board Meeting 6:15pm
Feb 16	Distribution of Progress Reports
Feb 17	12pm Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb 18	Steps For Students
Feb 20	No School /Teacher In-Service
Feb 21	PTG Meeting 6:30pm

We have raised almost \$3,793 so far. Our goal is \$15,000.



### Steps for Students

Saturday, February 18, 2012  
Robertson Stadium  
University of Houston  
7th Annual 5K & 1K Run/Walk

*All money raised including registration fees are returned to Sacred Heart.*

*Father Arnel and Mrs. Harris will be participating again this year!*

### Steps for Students News!

- ♥ We now have over **167** registered participants!!
- ♥ Each person who registers will receive a t-shirt.
- ♥ Each student who registers has a ribbon placed on the door of their homeroom. Check the door for your ribbon.
- ♥ Students who raise \$100 or more will be in for a special treat.
- ♥ The class who has 100% participation will receive free dress for one week. Their teacher and Mrs. Harris will dress in uniform that same week.
- ♥ The family who raises the most money will receive a free Spring Benefit ticket.

Be sure to:

- ♥ Register online at [www.steps4students.org](http://www.steps4students.org)
- ♥ Be sure to select Sacred Heart-Crosby as your school
- ♥ Setup an online giving page. *If you forgot to setup your fundraising page, please follow this link: <http://www.firstgiving.com/FundraiseForAnEvent/22591/P48NAA2>*
- ♥ **Email the link to your page to all of your families and friends**

(NOTE: Be sure to select 7th Annual Steps for Students - Houston Texas on February 18 and check the box that says: I would like my registration to benefit my school and radio button that says: My Principal will pick up my packet)

### Tuition

This is a friendly reminder that tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. A late fee of \$30 will apply when received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Basketball Team News

Congratulations to the boy's and girl's basketball teams for a great season. There were wins and losses but the students worked together as a team! Thank you Coach Maraffa, Coach Baird and Team Mom, Mrs. Maraffa, for a great season.

### Nachos for Lunch Tomorrow

On Friday as our week long celebration of Catholic Schools Week comes to a close, we will provide a special treat to the students. For lunch the School will serve Nachos to all of the students.

If your child would prefer to order lunch, they may order from Chick-fil-A on Friday morning as usual.

### International Evening

TONIGHT, Thursday, February 2, SHCS will host an International Evening at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The students have been learning about different countries and cultures and will have a display and a short performance. We hope that you will attend. The students have really been working hard and have learned a lot.

### Beta Bake Sale

The Beta Club will have a Bake Sale after lunch tomorrow, Friday, February 3. All items will be 50 cents each. 7th grade Beta members - remember it's your turn to bring items.

### Valentine's Dance



The Student Council is sponsoring a Valentine's Dance for all Jr. High students on Saturday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Student Council members are selling tickets for \$10 each. Tickets will continue to be sold by the Student Council throughout the month during lunch. But remember to buy your ticket before the night of the dance since tickets at the door will be \$12! Pictures will also be available for a \$5 donation.

### 5th-8th Field Trip

#### *A Day of Fun, Learning and Experience of the Religious Life.*

Wednesday, February 8, the 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to St. Catherine Convent. The **purpose** of this field trip is to help our **students have a better understanding of the vocations, especially the religious life** in the Catholic Church. They will get to see a place where sisters live, pray, and share community life. More importantly, they will get to see and talk to many sisters and The Boss of the House - Jesus. Thus, it will also be called a **day of retreat** where our students will learn to pray/talk to Jesus in a special way.

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### Decats

DECATS, DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Scholars, is a three-week summer program for academically gifted third to sixth-grade students from Houston and Galveston-area schools. Students who are in third, fourth, fifth, or sixth grade and who score at or above the 95th-percentile on a nationally-normed standardized test are nominated by their school's principal to participate in the DECATS program. After being nominated, students who are interested in attending complete an online application.

We encourage every student who was nominated to apply. It is an incredible experience for these kids and one they will remember for years to come. There is always an opportunity to carpool with other students who are attending from Sacred Heart or other area schools. Please don't wait until the deadline to apply. Do it today!

If you would like more information, be sure to speak with Mr. Holden. He was a mentor (teacher) last year and saw first hand the excitement and learning that took place.

### PTG Parent's Night Out

PTG is sponsoring a "Parent's Night Out" on Saturday, February 11, from 7:00-11:00pm in the Early Childhood Building. Leave the kiddos with us and enjoy a Valentine's evening! The cost will be \$20 per child with a family discount of \$35 for two children, \$50 for three children, and \$5 for each additional child. Food and fun are included! Please contact Missy Norton at christopherssister@hotmail.com to reserve your child's spot.

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### Pizza Fundraiser for Beta Club

The Jr. Beta Club will be attending the State Convention in Austin on April 16-17. Students will be competing in a variety of academic, craft and talent categories. Beta members will have a Pizza fundraiser to help with the cost of convention. They will be taking orders until February 10. Please see a Beta Member and help support this wonderful service organization!



### Technology Update

We are very excited to announce that we will now have new interactive Mimio Boards in our classrooms. This is will greatly enhance student learning.

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### School Board Nominations

Do you want to help improve your child's educational experience at Sacred Heart? The Sacred Heart School Board Nomination Committee is actively seeking nominations for the 2012-2013 school year for new School Board members. The SHCS School Board meets once monthly and is vital to assisting in the development of your child's education as well as overall form, function, and success of our great school. Help make Sacred Heart the best it can be and nominate someone today! Nominations can be made on-line between now and February 29, 2012, at [sacredheartschoolcrosby.org/volunteer](http://sacredheartschoolcrosby.org/volunteer) (please include a short bio in the comments section) or contact the School Office at 281-328-6561.

### Free Tutoring!

Sacred Heart offers tutoring to students in Grades 2-8. This tutoring continues through March 9. Tutoring for reading is on Mondays and Wednesdays. Math is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All students are encouraged to attend.

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### Nomination to Order of the Arrow

Robbie Wight, 7th grade, has been nominated to become a member of the Boy Scouts elite honor society, the Order of the Arrow. Scouts who best exemplify the ideals of Scouting are elected by the members of their troop to receive this honor. Congratulations to Robbie on being recognized for his leadership and service to Scouts!

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### Alumni News

Former SHCS students attending Incarnate Word Academy are recognized for their continued achievements in academics.

#### High Honors:

<i>Alyssa Eagleton</i>	<i>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>
<i>Mary Sloan</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>

#### Honors:

<i>Katherine Maraffa</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>
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### Tuition Assistance Program

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offers a Tuition Assistance Program. Applications for assistance for the 2012-2013 school year are available in the School or Church Office or can be accessed online at [www.choosecatholicshools.org](http://www.choosecatholicshools.org) (click on "Tuition Assistance"). A PSAS (Private School Aid Service) application MUST be completed and submitted to the specified address in order to be considered for assistance. There are two deadlines to apply. First deadline: March 31, 2012. Second deadline: June 15, 2012.

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### Crosby/Huffman Chamber Consumer Expo

Sacred Heart Catholic School will have a booth at the Consumer Expo. Come out and support local businesses at the Expo on Saturday, February 4, from 10am-3pm at Crosby High School. There will be lots of fun for both children and adults.

## Labels for Education Bonus Points



Turn in 5 (and only 5) Labels for Education UPCs on the attached special Bonus Sheet NOW through the end of February to earn Sacred Heart 100 extra points PER SHEET!!!

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## SHCS Travels to Area Parishes

Our SHCS Booth is traveling to area parishes promoting the great things happening at Sacred Heart.

If you attend one of these churches, please take the time after Mass to answer questions about our school.

Feb 5	St. Andrew Channelview
Feb 12	St. Martin de Porres Barrett Station
Feb 19	St. Phillip Huffman
Feb 26	St. Dominic Houston
Mar 4	St. Jude Highlands
Mar 11	St. Joseph Dayton

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## Have you tried GoodSearch?



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Be sure to designate Sacred Heart as your charity of choice.

## Sister School News

This year, St. Anne Catholic School is our "sister school" and their participation in Steps for Students will greatly help our school. We are very excited and appreciative of their support.

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## Valentine's Dance



This will be the last week that the Student Council will sell tickets to the Valentine's Dance, which will be held on Saturday, February 11. Tickets can be purchased from any Student Council member or Mrs. Collins.

Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but they will be \$12. The event is semi-formal.

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## Girls Softball

Attention girls in 5th - 8th grades: Softball season is approaching!



Please look for a sign-up sheet outside the Front Office and sign-up if you are interested in playing. We need to know who wants to play by Friday, February 3.

Parents: Kenny Wright is coaching the girls' team this year. He is looking for anyone who would like to help coach the girls and help with the field responsibilities. To help coach, you must be Virtus trained.

We could also use a team Mom to help Mrs. Wright with record keeping and organization. Please call the School Office and leave a message or email Kenny Wright at [kgwright2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgwright2@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in helping or have any questions. We are looking forward to a GREAT season!

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## Angelus' Prayer

As part of Catholic Schools Week, the students prayed the Angelus' Prayer at 8am, 12:30pm and 3:10pm each day. The Angelus prayer is a reflection on the Mystery of the Incarnation. This is to remind us about how Jesus became man and to celebrate the human form of Jesus. (Thank you 5<sup>th</sup> grade for helping with this!)

## St. Thomas Essay Contest

Sacred Heart Catholic School got some exciting news last week! Three Jr. High students won Honorable Mention in the 2012 University of St. Thomas/Archdiocesan Essay Contest. The winners are:

**Adler Buras-6th Grade**

**Timothy Holt-7th Grade**

**Kameron Stanford-7th Grade**

We are so proud of these students! These students will be attending an Awards Day Ceremony on Friday, February 3, at the Co-Cathedral in Houston.

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## Essay Contest Winners

**Congratulations** to the following students who won the Catholic Schools Week Essay Contest in Jr. High!

The winners are:

**Wyatt Wilkinson-5th Grade**

**Zachary Burton-6th Grade**

**Drake Bennett-7th Grade**

**Neomi Sepulveda-8th Grade**

These students wrote essays on the topic, "**What a Catholic Education Means to Me**".

Wyatt Wilkinson and Drake Bennett were recognized at the Catholic Schools Week Mass last Sunday by reading their essays.

Zachary Burton and Neomi Sepulveda will be recognized at Friday's Pep Rally when they read their essays for the students.

Great job students! We are very proud of you!

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## Heart to Heart Submissions

Please email information to be included in the Heart to Heart to [heart2heart@sacredheartcrosby.org](mailto:heart2heart@sacredheartcrosby.org) by Tuesday at 3:00pm. If there is a flyer to be included, send it to this same email address.



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